



Sportsmen Yacht Club

Newsletter

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**COMMODORE
RICKY SCANNELL**

It's hard to believe we were already in March. I guess time does fly when you're having fun. With the honor of serving as your Commodore this year, I have been very busy in February visiting local yacht clubs every weekend and had the opportunity to meet some very nice people with the hope of getting them to book a cruise-in weekend at our Club. Where else can you get the view of the Delta that we have - ONLY at SPORTSMEN YC! Adding to the mix, a beautiful lighthouse on the point with a nice fire happening in the fire pit. At the end of the night, it all adds up to good conversations, fish stories and memories.

Thank you Becky Wilson for Ladies Day. The event had a good turnout and the women enjoyed the afternoon and met new people. It's nice to see the Club being used and enjoyed by many people.

By the time this article is printed we will have had our first, of hopefully many, cruise-ins this year, with Pittsburg YC being the first.

Set your calendars for March 17th and make your reservations for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Cruise-In with Diablo YC. We are filling up fast and it would be a shame if you miss out on what promises to be a GREAT night of fun and partying. We will enjoy the Beer Drinking Competition (coordinated by Chuck Carroll) and a delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner cooked by Doug Horton and his crew.

Hope to see you there!



**VICE COMMODORE
LOUIE ROCHA**

At last month's membership meeting, there was discussion regarding the significant repairs of the Sausalito Ferry that need to be addressed in order for the Sportsmen YC to retain its fire insurance. On March 3rd, there is a scheduled Work Party that will focus on the necessary repairs of our beloved ferry. Please come out and join the Work Party. Together we can be a part of the solution!

On Saturday March 17th, we will have our annual St. Patrick's Day event. Put on some green Irish clothing and join the party. There will be spirited activities prior to the traditional Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner prepared by our very own Doug Horton. This annual club event is a fundraiser for the SYC, so please join us and invite your friends.

At the end of the month, Antioch High School will be conducting its 9th annual Sturgeon Fishing Derby. This year, Rick Barton and I will co-host the fishing derby at Sportsmen YC on Saturday March 31st. The past 8 years, the derby has been limited to Antioch HS staff members. This year, the fishing derby is also open to any Sportsmen members who are interested in participating. The cost for participation is \$40.00, which includes an AHS Derby T-Shirt and BBQ that will include the catch of the day and Ice Cold Draft Beer. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a weigh-in to determine the top two prize winners. The BBQ will follow, with a bon fire at the lighthouse, under the stars. I invite you to join the AHS staff for a great time! There are flyers at the Club with more information. If you have any questions, please contact Rick or myself.





**REAR COMMODORE
DON WILSON**

My only regret so far this year is that I missed our Annual Crab Feed. I had a conflict with the schedule as I had committed to fish the Diamond Classis Sturgeon Derby out of the Martinez Marina with my son and a couple of friends.

I want to commend Lonnie Gibson for volunteering to take on this task. My understanding is that he wants to do this for the next few years and he jumped into this endeavor feet first. I know there were a lot of folks involved with this event and I want to thank all those who contributed their time and talent.

I would like to use this opportunity to congratulate Becky Wilson for a very successful "Ladies Day" event. The turn out was more than expected and it was a good time for those who attended. I would like to add this is not a big money making event, but all proceeds the vendors offer are turned over to the Club. Also the food was supplied by the folks attending and was not an expense for the Club. Another benefit was the money generated at the bar, as we know shopping makes our ladies thirsty! My view is that any activity we have at our Club is beneficial because it encourages member participation.

On that note I would encourage everyone to come out on "Bingo Night." It is the third Friday of every month. Please support our Club. You will probably catch me bartending that night.

See you there and thanks for your help.

\$10.00 for 4 Cards
\$2.00 for Each Extra Card
10 Games Played



March 16 / April 20 / May 18

**6 pm Bingo Cards on Sale
7 pm Let the Games Begin**

Have ideas or suggestions for the newsletter?

Please send articles to: Terri Barton 925-757-1475
Email: newslettereditor@sportsmenyc.org
Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of the month
Newsletter final editing by: Freda Lucido

In accordance with our By-Laws, Article V, A-4, the following notice will be posted in this Newsletter monthly:
The regular meetings of the Board of Directors are held on the first Friday of each month, following the General Membership Meetings.
If the first Friday is a holiday weekend, the meetings are held on the second Friday of that month.

Menu

March Meeting Dinner

Lasagna

Salad

French Bread

Dessert

Dinner Prepared by
Scott Jett

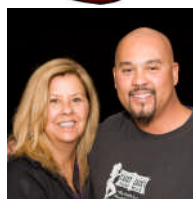
Dinners are \$10 per person

*We are limited to 50 reservations,
so make your reservations on-line
or contact Ann English at 925.779.9330
as soon as possible*

Cancellation of reservations for an event must be made at least three (3) days prior to the event to avoid being charged for the event. Please notify Ann English @ 925.779.9330 if you need to cancel your reservations. (This policy does not apply to cancellations made because of an emergency.)



Meet Our Newest Sportsmen!



Tino & Janet Abon



Frank MacCallister



David & Gina Moore



HISTORIAN'S NOTES KATHIE HAMMER

It was only the early ferries like our Sausalito that were all wood. The interiors of these boats were all made by highly skilled craftsmen. The interior panels were made of only the finest hardwoods, with carved trim with intricate designs. Take time to look around and notice the fine craftsmanship of our ferry. This type of fine craftsmanship was only found on the passenger ferries built before 1900.

Another feature of many of the finer passenger ferries was a set of glass windows where the passengers could view the main engine in motion while the vessel was under way. It was always the hope of youngsters making a ferry trip that they could get a seat close to the windows so they could watch, with great fascination, the engine working while they were underway.

The gazing through the windows came to an abrupt end one day in 1922 when our Sausalito, making a run from San Francisco to Sausalito, had the misfortune to have her walking beam break in a critical spot, and the main connecting rod tore loose taking with it a good portion of the center hurricane deck. At the same time, the walking beam slammed down into the cabin, panicking the passengers. Shortly after that, all of the windows which allowed a view of the engine were boarded up. Much of the fascination of the ferryboats was removed when the windows were covered and the passengers lost one of the most exciting pastimes when making a trip across the Bay.



Above, a picture of our beloved Sausalito Ferry Boat making one of her trips across the Bay. You can see this and other pictures at our Clubhouse!



PICYA Report DARLENE DAWSON

2012 PICYA CALENDAR

Mar 5	Delegates' Meeting Discovery Bay YC
Mar 24	Leadership Conference at Golden Gate YC
Apr 2	Delegates' Meeting Marina West YC
Apr 29	Opening Day on the Bay Theme: "American Spirit"

The 20th Annual Commodore's Ball and Installation of Officers honoring Mia Bernt, Commodore, and the Officers and Directors for 2012 was held at Corinthian YC. Many thanks to all who made the evening so enjoyable.

2012 PICYA Officers & Directors:

Commodore	Mia Bernt, Richardson Bay YC & Little Venice YC
Vice Commodore	Fred Rutledge, Encinal YC
Rear Commodore	Lenora Clark, Ebony Boat Club
Secretary/Treasurer	Ray Holstead, Tahoe YC
Jr. Staff Commodore	Linda Breninger, Ox Bow YC, California Carver Club, & Marina West YC
Directors	Liz Allison, Half Moon Bay YC Michael Campbell, Sausalito YC Deanna Desin, Mariposa Hunters Point YC Larry Draper, Oyster Point YC George McElvain, San Joaquin YC Estella McGrath, Pittsburg YC Maggie Sabbovich, Vallejo YC

Congratulations and best wishes to all.

In spite of the gorgeous venue and social atmosphere of the evening, RBOC Vice President North, Jack Michael, introduced an urgent matter of business—the elimination of the Department of Boating and Waterways. We all signed opposition letters that evening.

Then, at the first 2012 Delegates' Meeting at Pittsburg YC, Sportsmen was able to deliver 95 opposition letters to RBOC's Jack Michael. Thank you to all who signed these letters. It is imperative that our boat generated dollars be used for programs that benefit and promote the enjoyment, protection, and responsible use of our waterways.

Congratulations to Deanna Desin "Silver Star Award" recipient. Deanna and Andy are special friends and frequent visitors to our Club. This very prestigious award is presented by the Staff Commodores of PICYA to an individual in recognition of diligent service to his or her club as a delegate to PICYA. This award is based upon commitment, dedication, and valuable service to both PICYA and the recreational boating community.

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NEWS FROM FLEET CAPTAIN DARLENE DAWSON

Don't forget! Opening Day on the Delta will be on Saturday, April 14th. We have a flyer with complete information on page 6.

As a reminder, we are hosting the event this year and our Clubhouse will be open for our guests all day. This includes guests who may be berthed at the Club. So, let's welcome them and have a fun Opening Day celebration!

See your February Newsletter for our
2012 Club Cruise-Out Schedule



NCPCA NEWS BARBARA CHAPMAN

The 2012 season is just beginning!

- The Novice on the Water Contest will be held at Bridge Marina YC on March 10th, beginning at 10 a.m. Plan to come and find out how much fun it can be to learn navigational skills.
- NCPCA will be cruising into Ox Bow YC on March 23-25th. We look forward to having fun playing games and enjoying good food!
- The first Contest of the Year will be held at Stockton YC on May 12th.

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Diane Lasher, NCPCA Commodore at 925-625-3223 or by email at signs@disimpressions.com

Have Fun on the Water!

PICYA—Continued

Spring Leadership Conference

The Spring Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, March 24th, at the Golden Gate YC. This is a great opportunity for yacht club leadership, both new and seasoned members, to receive updated information on topics of interest to yachting. The cost is \$25 for the day's presentations, conference materials, and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Anyone interested may go to www.PICYA.org to download a registration form. Lenora Clark is the Conference Chair (925) 634-9614.

March Birthdays

01 Al Alcorn
 02 Bill Carr
 02 Jerry Redfern
 04 Len Adkerson
 06 Louie Rocha
 07 Ed Petersen
 07 Joe Fray
 07 Michelle Buchholz
 09 Angelyn Williams
 10 Diane Essary
 10 Jim Arnold
 11 Jim Linhart
 16 Frank Reece
 17 Dennis Higgins
 23 Jason Turpin
 23 Paul Bernhardt
 27 Elsie Campo
 29 William Odum
 30 Elaine Brown
 30 Gary Abeyta
 30 Kathy Kaiwi

to Sportsmen Y.C.
 Thank you for all
 your Donations
 I am very excited to
 go to Hawaii
 I am lucky to be in this
 Club
 god bless you all
 love, Danny

A Thank You
 letter from
 Daniel
 Bernhardt sent
 to Club
 members who
 donated to his
 upcoming trip!

Thank you to
 everyone for
 your
 contributions
 and your
 generosity.

Thank you to everyone that participated in our

*Ladies' Shopping Day at
 Sportsmen YC*

It was a great success !

Sportsmen Yacht Club's Annual

St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Saturday, March 17th

6:00 pm Beer Drinking Contest

7:00 pm Dinner



Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner prepared by Doug Horton

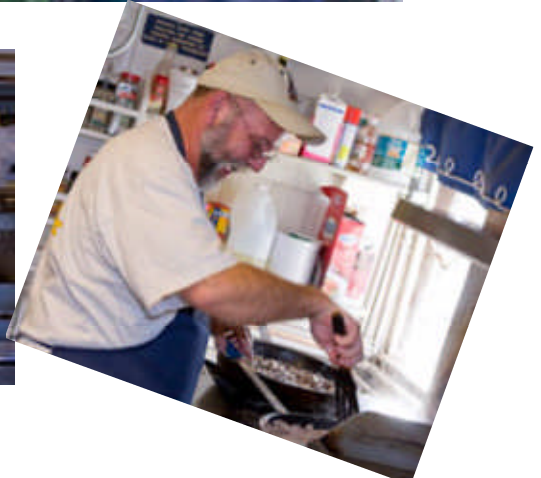
Make your reservations Online or contact Ann English at 925-779-9330

*Reservations
 requested by
 March 12th*



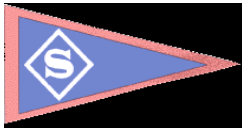
*\$20.00
 per person*

2012 Crab Feed Pictures



Thank You
to
everyone
who
helped
make our
Crab Feed
a great
success!





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Antioch, CA 94509

Club Location:
3301 Wilbur Avenue, Antioch

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Sportsmen Yacht Club
Hosts

Opening Day on the Delta
Saturday, April 14th



This year's theme
"American Spirit"

Meet under the Antioch Bridge at 12:30 p.m.
Parade begins at 1:00 p.m.

Steak Dinner
Adults \$12.50
Kids ages 6-12 \$6.00
Under age 6 free

Dinner served at 5:00 p.m.
Awards Ceremony following Dinner

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online or contact
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Reservations requested
by April 9th